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NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN PLEAD GUILTY TO BANK ROBBERIES

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, FBI Senior Supervisory Resident Agent Jay Fallon, Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, Exeter Police Chief Richard Kane, North Hampton Police Chief Brian Page and Kittery Police Chief Edward Strong today announced that Boden Hughes, 26, of Kittery, Maine, and Peter Robbins, 27, of Kittery, Maine, pleaded guilty to bank robbery and aiding and abetting bank robbery charges.

Hughes was charged with the January 25, 2004, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 1500 Lafayette Road in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the February 23, 2004, robbery of the Fleet Bank, Portsmouth Avenue in Exeter, and with aiding and abetting Peter Robbins in the March 3, 2004, robbery of the Bank of New Hampshire, 46 Lafayette Road in North Hampton, New Hampshire. Peter Robbins was charged with robbing the Bank of New Hampshire on March 3, 2004. All of the robberies were committed by the use of a demand note handed to a bank teller.

A sentencing hearing for Peter Robbins is scheduled for September 1, 2004 at the United States District Court in Concord. The sentencing hearing date for Boden Hughes is August 13, 2004. The penalty for bank robbery and aiding and abetting bank robbery is a sentence of up to 20 years for each robbery. The United States Sentencing Guidelines generally provide for a sentence that is less than the 20 year maximum.

U.S. Attorney Tom Colantuono stated: "These cases are textbook examples of the results that can be achieved when federal, state and local law enforcement agencies share resources and information in a joint effort to solve crime. The hard work of these law enforcement agencies led to the successful apprehension and prosecution of these individuals. My office remains dedicated to working with law enforcement at all levels to remove violent criminals from the streets."

This case is being prosecuted by Senior Litigator, Don Feith.